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1. Workers in Seville regard the possibility of American aid with apathy, since they believe that any funds forthcoming will be used, not to relieve the poverty and exploitation of the masses, but to satisfy the selfish economic and military interests of the United States. Positive American propaganda might be effective in combatting this apathy, according to a official, but such propaganda must be preceded by manifest economic benefits for the individual Spanish worker, such as measures relaxing control of wages by the Syndicates and the reduction of taxes which workers presently pay for numerous social benefits ("cargas sociales"). American propaganda is well-received, according to the informant, but to the workers of Seville it seems fabulous and unrelated to the realities of their situation. Russian propaganda, on the other hand, though realistic and immediately relevant to the workers' needs and mentality, is not taken seriously and frequently is burlesqued.

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2. A liberal Catholic professor stated that in the circles he frequents it is not believed that the United States will go to war with the USSR in order to emancipate oppressed peoples behind the Iron Curtain, but for the preservation of her own selfish interests. Spaniards find no comfort in the prospect of a fight to rescue Poles and Hungarians from the yoke of Stalin.

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4. A right-wing Socialist teacher in Seville said that no arguments now can convince workers of the good will of the United States toward the Spanish populace. Workers who had viewed America for many years with admiration and hope have felt betrayed by the re-establishment of diplomatic relations between Spain and the United States and the sending of the military and

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economic missions to Spain, and they now are turning in the direction of Moscow. While the Communists, according to this informant, are at present a minority in Seville, they constitute a very appreciable minority; and for the first time the Partido Socialista Obrero Español (Spanish Socialist Party-PSOE) feels that it is in danger of losing many of its members to the Communists.